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(54) **Communication cable having a soft housing**

(57) A cable containing at least one optical fiber and at least one material. The at least one optical fiber being at least partially embedded within the at least one ma-

terial, and the at least one material forming a housing that protects the at least one optical fiber. The at least one material having a Shore A hardness of about 75 or less.

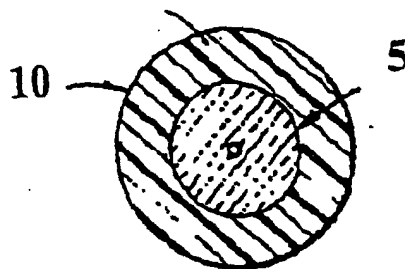


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